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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS GR

SUBJ: REPORTED EXPLOSIONS AT DOW CHEMICAL PLANT,
LAVRION

1. TWO SEPARATE JOURNALISTIC SOURCES JUST ADVISED
EMBASSY (1330 HOURS FEBRUARY 23) THAT THREE EXPLOSIONS
(RESULTING IN EXTENSIVE DAMAGE) OCCURRED DURING NIGHT OR
EARLY MORNING FEBRUARY 22-23 AT AMERICAN-OWNED DOW CHEMICAL
PLANT IN LAVRION (APPROXIMATELY 50 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF
ATHENS). THESE SOURCES FURTHER STATE THAT AN UNEXPLODED DEVICE
SUBSEQUENTLY DISCOVERED AND TWO ORDNANCE OFFICIALS (PRESUMABLY
GREEK MILITARY) ATTEMPTED TRANSPORT TO OPEN AREA FOR
DE-FUSING. IN PROCESS, THEY WERE REPORTEDLY "BLOWN TO BITS".
JOURNALISTIC SOURCES STATE THAT GREEK SECURITY OFFICIALS
TREATING INCIDENTS AS "NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTER" AND
THUS RELUCTANT TO DIVULGE DETAILED INFORMATION AT
PRESENT.

2. EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICIAL ATTEMPTED
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CONFIRM STORY THROUGH POLICE CHANNELS BOTH ATHENS AND
LAVRION. WHILE SIMILAR RELUCTANCE MET AS TO DIVULGING
DETAILED INFORMATION, IT APPEARS EVIDENT THAT SOME
TYPE OF EXPLOSION AT DOW PLANT DID TAKE PLACE. EMBASSY
OFFICERS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING CONFIRM INCIDENT WITH DOW
OFFICIALS AND WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO SECURE FURTHER
DATA FROM GOG SECURITY REPRESENTATIVES. SO FAR AS CAN
BE DETERMINED NOW, NO DOW EMPLOYEES WERE KILLED. TASCA

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